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August 7, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: AS-NEEDED GEOTECHNICAL  
ENGINEERING, TESTING, AND INSPECTION SERVICES  
AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS  
VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute five Consultant Services Agreements with Geocon Inland Empire, Inc.; Mactec Engineering and Consulting, Inc.; Ninyo & Moore; Twining Laboratories of Southern California, Inc.; and URS Corporation for as-needed geotechnical engineering and construction materials testing and inspection services for capital and earthquake repair projects. The Agreements will be for three-year terms commencing on the date of the initial Notice to Proceed, for a not-to-exceed fee of \$2 million each, for a total of \$10 million to be financed from the Department of Public Works' (Department) Facilities Project Management General Fund Budget for individual projects as they are approved by your Board.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

We are recommending that your Board authorize the Director of Public Works to execute five Consultant Services Agreements for as-needed geotechnical engineering and construction materials testing and inspection services for capital and earthquake repair projects at sites located throughout the County.

The use of independent materials testing and inspection firms during construction provides assurance that the materials, products, and processes used by the contractor meet the requirements of the construction documents. The current and anticipated workload exceeds the capacity of existing County resources, and these Agreements are an efficient means of providing as-needed technical services for large and small projects while reducing procurement costs associated with individual Contracts.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goals of Organizational Effectiveness (Goal 3) and Service Excellence (Goal 1) as these Agreements will support repairs, improvements, and construction of public facilities. Completion of earthquake repair projects, as well as non-earthquake repairs, will provide safer access to public buildings that could prevent injuries or loss of life from future seismic events.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The geotechnical engineering and construction materials testing and inspection consultant fees will be funded through the Department's Facilities Project Management General Fund Budget for individual projects as they are approved by your Board. Services provided on earthquake recovery projects will be reimbursed through FEMA/OES disaster claiming process, insurance proceeds, and a net County cost commitment as appropriate. When services are required to meet the technical and schedule requirements of a specific project, a separate scope of work and work order will be negotiated and authorized for each project within Contract limitations.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

A standard Consultant Services Agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Consultant Services Agreement includes the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for Contract terminations, renegotiations, and hiring of qualified displaced County employees.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for Contract award, Geocon Inland Empire, Mactec Engineering and Consulting, Ninyo & Moore, Twining Laboratories of Southern California, and URS Corporation are willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program/General Relief Opportunity for Work participants for future employment.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the Agreements requiring the consultants, and their sub-consultants, to notify their employees about Board Policy 5.135 (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) and that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

Geocon Inland Empire, Mactec Engineering and Consulting, Ninyo & Moore, Twining Laboratories of Southern California, and URS Corporation are in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program).

The Agreements with Geocon Inland Empire, Mactec Engineering and Consulting, Ninyo & Moore, Twining Laboratories of Southern California, and URS Corporation will include a cost-of-living adjustment provision in accordance with your Board policy.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Awarding these Agreements will have no environmental impact. Any services performed pursuant to these Agreements will be on the projects for which environmental documentation has been completed.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On February 26, 2007, the Department issued a Request for Proposals to 35 firms for these services. We received ten proposals, and an Evaluation Committee, comprised of the Department's staff, evaluated the proposals. The evaluation was based on technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. The firms were selected without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. Based on the review and evaluation of the proposals, the Department selected Geocon Inland Empire, Mactec Engineering and Consulting, Ninyo & Moore, Twining Laboratories of Southern California, and URS Corporation as the five most qualified firms.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, this Contract opportunity was listed on the Doing Business with Us Website. A copy of the website posting is included as Attachment A for your reference.

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Geocon Inland Empire's, Mactec Engineering and Consulting's, Ninyo & Moore's, Twining Laboratories of Southern California's, and URS Corporation's Community Business Enterprises participation data and 3-year contracting histories are on file with Public Works.

The Department has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to the recommended Agreements as these Agreements are for non-Proposition A services.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects as a result of authorizing the award of the recommended Consultant Services Agreements. Authorizing the recommended Consultant Services Agreements with Geocon Inland Empire, Mactec Engineering and Consulting, Ninyo & Moore, Twining Laboratories of Southern California, and URS Corporation will facilitate the development and accelerate the delivery of the capital improvement and earthquake repair projects that the Department is managing on behalf of various County departments.

**CONCLUSION**

Upon approval, please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department's Architectural Engineering Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment (1)

c: County Counsel  
Department of Public Social Services (GAIN/GROW Program)  
Department of Public Works

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**Bid Information**

**Bid Number :** ANGE02007

**Bid Title :** AS NEEDED GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING, MATERIALS TESTING, AND INSPECTION SERVICES

**Bid Type :** Service

**Department :** Public Works

**Commodity :** ENGINEERING - GEOLOGICAL

**Open Date :** 2/22/2007

**Closing Date :** 3/27/2007 4:00 PM

**Notice of Intent to Award :** [View Detail](#)

**Bid Amount :** N/A

**Bid Download :** Not Available

**Bid Description :** The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (Public Works) is inviting proposals from qualified firms to provide As Needed Geotechnical Engineering, Materials Testing, and Inspection Services for various projects located throughout the County of Los Angeles.

For fastest response please email Matt Jerge your contact information and the RFP will be emailed to you.

**Contact Name :** Matt Jerge

**Contact Phone# :** (626) 458-2593

**Contact Email :** [mjerge@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:mjerge@dpw.lacounty.gov)

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